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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1-19. (previously canceled)

20. (currently amended) A carton for enclosing a group of cylindrical articles arranged in a plurality of columns and at least one row, comprising:

a plurality of walls hingedly connected to one another; and

at least one detachable portion detachably ~~connected to~~ formed from at least a first and a second adjacent wall, said at least one detachable portion to be detached from said carton to define an opening for exposing at least a portion of at least one article in a column that is adjacent to an endmost column of said article group.

21. (currently amended) The carton of Claim 20, further comprising:

at least one partially detachable portion for restraining articles in said carton after said at least one detachable portion has been detached from said carton;

wherein said at least one ~~fully~~ detachable portion and said at least one partially detachable portion border one another.

22. (currently amended) The carton of Claim 20, wherein said exposed article in said column that is adjacent to said endmost column is in the uppermost row of the group of articles.

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23. (previously presented) The carton of Claim 20, wherein said exposed article in said column that is adjacent to said endmost column is in the lowermost row of the group of articles.

24. (currently amended) The carton of Claim 20, wherein said exposed article in said column that is adjacent to said endmost column is in a row that is between the uppermost and lowermost rows of the group of articles.

25. (previously presented) The carton of Claim 20, wherein said detachable portion is defined by a frangible line.

26. (previously presented) The carton of Claim 21, wherein said partially detachable portion is defined at least in part by a frangible line.

27. (previously presented) The carton of Claim 26, wherein said partially detachable portion is defined in part by a fold line.

28. (previously presented) The carton of Claim 20, wherein said opening exposes at least a portion of an end of said at least one article in a column that is adjacent to an endmost column of said article group.

29. (previously presented) The carton of Claim 28, wherein said portion of said end is sufficient to enable removal of said at least one article in a column that is adjacent to an endmost column of said article group.

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30. (new) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows, wherein the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows defines an endmost column of articles and the articles adjacent to the endmost column of articles define a second endmost column of articles; and

a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the articles in the endmost column; and

at least one detachable portion detachably formed at least in part from said first wall and at least in part from said second wall, said at least one detachable portion that is to be detached from said carton to define an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening exposing a space between the endmost column and the second endmost column, said space being defined by articles that are in two adjacent rows.

31. (new) The package of Claim 30, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row and a lower row.

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32. (new) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows, wherein the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows defines an endmost column of articles and the articles adjacent to the endmost column of articles define a second endmost column of articles; and

a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the articles in the endmost column; and

at least one detachable portion detachably formed at least in part from said first wall and at least in part from said second wall, said at least one detachable portion that is to be detached from said carton to define an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening extending to a space between the endmost column and the second endmost column, said space being defined by articles that are in two adjacent rows.

33. (new) The package of Claim 32, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row and a lower row.

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34. (new) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows; and
a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the
endmost articles in each of said rows;

an upper and a lower severance line in said second wall; and

a connecting severance line in said first wall, said connecting severance line interconnecting said
upper and lower severance lines;

wherein:

the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows defines an endmost column of
articles;

the articles adjacent to the endmost column of articles define a second endmost column of
articles; and

said connecting severance line defines an opening that extends along said first wall, said
opening exposing a space between the endmost column and the second endmost column, said
space being defined by articles that are in two adjacent rows.

35. (new) The package of Claim 34, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row
and a lower row.

36. (new) The package of Claim 34, wherein the maximum distance between said severance
line in said first wall and said second wall is less than the twice the diameter of one of said articles.

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37. (new) A package, comprising:

a plurality of substantially cylindrical articles disposed on sides thereof in a plurality of rows; and
a carton enclosing said articles, the carton comprising:

a first wall extending along ends of said articles in each of said rows;

a second wall hingedly connected to said first wall and extending along the sides of the
endmost articles in each of said rows;

an upper and a lower severance line in said second wall; and

a connecting severance line in said first wall, said connecting severance line interconnecting said
upper and lower severance lines;

wherein:

the endmost article in each of said plurality of rows defines an endmost column of articles;

the articles adjacent to the endmost column of articles define a second endmost column of
articles; and

said connecting severance line defines an opening that extends along said first wall, said opening
extending to a space between the endmost column and the second endmost column, said space being
defined by articles that are in two adjacent rows.

38. (new) The package of Claim 37, wherein said plurality of rows consists of an upper row
and a lower row.

39. (new) The package of Claim 37, wherein the maximum distance between said severance
line in said first wall and said second wall is less than the twice the diameter of one of said articles.